

## PEACEPORT: A PASSPORT TO PEACE

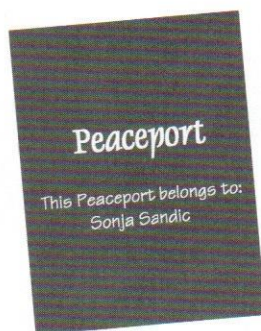
September is a good month for making Peaceports with your students. They can use their Peaceports for recording their projects for the rest of the year.

A Peaceport is a child's personal record of her or his various peace experiences and activities throughout the school year. After designing and decorating a mock passport, children can earn stamps or stickers to put in this passport by completing various activities and projects. These could include kind or peaceful deeds, reading suggested books, participating in discussions, writing letters, and creating peace art.

### Making a Peaceport

Begin by showing the children a passport and asking/answering questions about it. Questions might include:

- What is a passport?
- What is its purpose?
- What does it tell you about the owner?
- What do you do to have it stamped or punched?
- How can a passport be used to record something or tell us something?



Introduce the idea of a Peaceport and show an example. Make the materials to create Peaceports available to students and encourage them to be creative in making their own personal Peaceports.

After the Peaceports have been completed, use them to record experiences. Fully stamped Peaceports or cards may be recognized at the end of the school year by giving the children a certificate or other appropriate form of recognition.

### Materials needed

- cardstock or other material to make a roughly 3" x 5" booklet of 8–12 pages
- stamps, stickers, etc.
- decorative materials – glue, paint, markers, crayons
- small photograph of each child
- sample passports



*The idea for Peaceport is found in PeacePrints by Jan Foley. PeacePrints is available at [www.nlhra.org/PeacePrints/PeacePrints.pdf](http://www.nlhra.org/PeacePrints/PeacePrints.pdf) and can be downloaded freely.*